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AUSTRIA SENDS U. S. FRIENDLY MESSAGE Britain Would Extradite Gen. Villa

WANTS HIM FOR BENTON MURDER

Villa Said To Be Planning To Go To Argentina As Soon As He Gets Out.

WANTS SCOTT TO GIVE PROTECTION

Deposed Northern Leader Camps on Hearst Ranch, Which He "Confiscates."

THE British government is looking for Gen. Francisco Villa, Consul and diplomatic agent of Mexico, C. Myles, of El Paso, is making every endeavor to locate him. Extradition of Villa from the United States or Cuba will be asked, it is reported, on the grounds of the killing of William S. Benton, a British subject, in Juarez in the spring of 1915. Gen. Villa is suspected of the United States' efforts of protection, and has said that only on the conditions that Gen. Hugh L. Scott meets him at the border and guarantees his safety in his journey through American territory will he come out of Mexico.

Gen. Villa is preparing the way for his arrival in the Argentine republic, according to government advisers here. Gen. Juan N. Medina, after the battle of Agua Prieta in upper Sonora, in which Villa was dispatched on a secret mission to feel out the situation in the South American republic on the matter of the extradition of the Mexican northern chieftain, federal authorities have been told.

"Gen. Holmes, closely allied with the Villa brothers in the bringing of cattle to the border here for importation, has followed Gen. Medina on the mission of paying the way for Villa in the Argentine, it is reported to the government. Holmes, his brother, has followed within the past few days in his wake, also on the identical mission, advises further state.

The efforts of the British government to extradite Villa are being guarded carefully and every precaution to "lie low" until Villa "gets out" of Mexico is being taken by the British authorities in Washington and at the border.

Villa's Mexico objective.

If Villa remains in Mexico his objective for the present will be by way of Sinaloa to Oaxaca state, where he will attempt to join anti-Carranza forces there for a move into the southern interior of Mexico, making for Mexico City. Gen. Carranza, one of Villa's most trusted chieftains, has not been heard from since he departed south through Torreon and the Laguna district, presumably for Guadalajara, over a month ago. It is believed Villa could make a junction with him in Oaxaca state.

Government agents are watching the United Fruit steamer which sails from New Orleans for Havana, Cuba, Saturday, and it is stated in some quarters that Villa will show up for that boat. Other advisers declare that he will not trust himself to board it, because of the attention directed towards it.

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Gives Tenth Of Salary To Rescue Home Fund

Editor El Paso Herald: Enclosed you will find \$1, which is one-tenth of my month's salary, to be used for the children's playhouse at the Rescue Home.

Capt. Fannie Brunfill, Salvation Army.

JERRY ON THE JOB



DEAD, 28 HURT IN TRAIN CRASH

Galena, Kan., Dec. 24.—John Bray, a fireman, was killed, and 28 passengers were injured early today when an accommodation train on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad crashed into St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train No. 237 bound from St. Louis for Oklahoma points.

The Galena train, 20 minutes late, was standing at the station here when the accident occurred. A heavy fog obscured the view of the accommodation which tore half way through the last sleeping coach of the Frisco train before it was brought to a standstill.

MRS. FRANK LESLIE'S WILL STANDS; CHARGES DENOUNCED

New York, Dec. 24.—In denying applications to set aside the will of Mrs. Frank Leslie in order that help at law of her husband might institute a contest, surrogate Fowler Thursday stamped as baseless certain allegations of the applicants that Mrs. Leslie was the child of Charles Follen of New Orleans and a slave woman. He declares "the origin, life and memory of the deceased are unjustly attacked. Such a claim seems to us now at this late date of time, a monstrous claim, but if not monstrous in law, to my mind the evidence purporting to support the claim in instances is of the most inadequate and nebulous kind."

Under Mrs. Leslie's will, nearly \$1,000,000 was left to the woman's support movement. The surrogate finds the applicants, who are neither next of kin nor heirs at law, of Mrs. Leslie, have no ground whatever for seeking a share of the estate.

CONTRACTOR KELLY FIGHTS EXTRADITION TO CANADA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The fight against extradition to Canada by Thomas Kelly, millionaire contractor, wanted at Winnipeg, Minn., to answer to an indictment growing out of the construction of the parliament buildings at Winnipeg, was taken today to the supreme court.

Kelly's attorneys filed an appeal from the decision of Judge K. M. Landis in the federal district court at Chicago, refusing to release him from custody of the United States marshal on habeas corpus proceedings. Kelly was about to be extradited.

Kelly's attorneys claim that the offense charged—that of obtaining \$1,250,000 by perjury as to extra work done and unlawfully receiving embezzled securities—are not extraditable.

NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS' CASE IS IN JUDGE'S HANDS

New York, Dec. 24.—At the conclusion of five days of argument on motions to dismiss the case against William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, charged with conspiracy to monopolize commerce, was today placed in the hands of Judge Hunt.

He has the power to dismiss the indictment against all 11 of the defendants as not having been sustained by the government's evidence or to direct a verdict of acquittal against any of them individually. He announced he would render his decision next Tuesday.

PUT ROOSEVELT'S NAME ON THE MICHIGAN BALLOT

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 24.—Petitions to place the name of Theodore Roosevelt on the presidential primary ballot in Michigan as candidate of the National Progressive party were filed today with the secretary of state. It is understood that former Progressives who have returned to the Republican party are giving impetus to the movement to have Col. Roosevelt's name also placed on the Republican ballot.

INDIANS ARE AGAIN LEAVING YAGUI VALLEY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—American and other foreign interests in the Yaqui valley no longer are endangered. Most of the Indians have left and there are sufficient forces to secure protection, according to telegraphic reports to the state department today. There was no loss of life among the Americans or other foreigners during the recent raid on Chihuahua city as reported last.

HOUNDS TRAIL SAFE BLOWERS

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 24.—A sheriff's posse, using bloodhounds, today was trailing through the Kiamichi mountains a band of robbers who early today looted the safe of the Calvin, Okla., postoffice.

After catching the scent at Calvin the dogs followed the trail so swiftly and closely that their keepers were almost left behind.

T. H. Carter, city marshal, was forced to look on while the raiders set off two charges of explosives. He was allowed to retain his revolver. Two hundred dollars and a small amount in stamps and money orders constituted the robbers' booty.

Mother and Newly Born Babe Starve To Death; Others Ill Of Hunger

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 24.—Exhausted by starvation and cold, Mrs. William Hafner and her newly born baby were found dead in their home here Thursday. It is said Hafner deserted his family a year ago.

Four other children, Magdalena, 15 months, Julian, 4 years, Frank, 12 and Hubert, 8, are in a serious condition. It is said the two first named may die.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES POUR IN ON WILSON AND BRIDE

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 24.—All Christmas presents addressed to president Wilson here passed today into the safekeeping of his wife to be withheld by her until tonight when the big accumulation of packages will be opened. The packages addressed to Mrs. Wilson were taken in charge by the president.

Whether the president and his wife will participate in the Christmas celebration to be given tonight in the hotel was the chief topic discussed today in Hot Springs. They have been invited, but have neither accepted or declined.

HAYDEN OFFERS BILL TO GIVE PENSIONS TO INDIANS

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Fourteen Indians who served in the First Arizona infantry during the civil war will receive pensions of \$15 a month if a bill introduced in the house of representatives by congressman Carl Hayden becomes a law. There were a number of Indians in the regiment but none of them have ever been granted pensions.

Adj. Gen. Charles W. Harris says that this was merely because they were Indians, and several years ago he began collecting the data necessary if the survivors were to be taken care of in the same manner as other union soldiers.

STREET CAR MEN RECEIVE \$250,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT

New York, Dec. 24.—Between 4000 and 7000 employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company today received a Christmas gift from the company in the shape of an annual wage increase totaling \$250,000.

GRAFTON-KNIGHT CO. GIVES \$85,000 TO 1700 EMPLOYEES

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Grafton and Knight Manufacturing company today distributed \$85,000 among its 1700 employees as bonuses for loyalty during the past year in an unprecedented rush of business.

SHIP DAMAGED BY GALE PUTS BACK INTO PORT

New York, Dec. 24.—The Greek steamship Thessaloniki, from Greek ports to New York, was reported today by wireless as having been so damaged by weather as to necessitate her sending out wireless calls for assistance.

The Italian steamer Stanzilla went to the ship's assistance but the Thessaloniki has about 300 passengers on board.

ASKS CALIFORNIA FOR AID IN PROJECT

Would Extend Present Line Due West on 31st Parallel From 111th Meridian.

ORGANIZATIONS BECOMING ACTIVE

Proposal to Take in Part of Lower California to Safe-guard Water Projects.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Announcement was made here today of a movement to secure a change in the boundary line between the United States and Mexico by extending the present line directly west on the 31st parallel from the 111th meridian so as to take in the northern part of the Gulf of California and part of Lower California.

Commercial organizations of Phoenix and other Arizona cities have sent telegrams to the state's congressional representatives, to former congressmen John Wesley Gaines, chairman of the federal boundary commission, and to Gov. Johnson, of California, urging their support in the movement.

"Safe-guard Water Projects."

The plan is said to be to bring into the United States that part of the Laguna Irrigation project, which is south of Yuma and in Mexican territory and to take in also all of that portion of the Imperial Valley irrigation system which is south of the international boundary.

The proposed alteration would also include Puerto Isabel at the head of the Gulf of Lower California, and a considerable portion of Lower California.

Court Decree Deprives Cats and Dogs of Home Planned by Aged Woman

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Horrific dog and cat cases were the subject of a supreme court review of the superior court of Maricopa county and decided that the will left by Mary A. H. Taylor, bequeathing her home at 1119 East Washington street, Phoenix, as a home for friendless fellows and cat-dogs, was illegal. Mrs. Taylor was a pioneer Arizona school teacher who died about a year ago at an advanced age. The will had been contested and therefore the court ruled that it had no legal existence. The estate goes to relatives.

Contributions For the Rescue Home Children

Contributions received since yesterday for the Rescue home babies follow:

Capt. Fannie Brunfill, \$1.00
Anonymous, \$1.00
Mildred Carpenter, \$1.00
Katherine Maslin, box of toys.
Mrs. Harry Latta, 706 East Missouri street, bag of nuts and candy.
Mrs. W. L. Foxworth, 1500 Montana street, Christmas tree decorations.
M. G. Tadlock, pair of shoes.

The \$1 subscribed by the Rotary club Thursday to purchase a dinner for the home was turned over to Capt. Kule Marek, the matron, and was ample to buy all the good things necessary.

The \$1 sent in by Elizabeth Farwell of Globe, "for Peter and Paul," was used to buy each a warm sleeping suit.

All the children were given a ride around the city and down to the toy stores Thursday afternoon in a big automobile.

BRITISH LOSSES EXCEED 500,000

London, Eng., Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by P. A. Molteno, member of the house of commons, premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to December 9 as 528,227.

Detailed figures as given by premier Asquith, corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles given Thursday in the house of commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11, were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the premier gave today as of the operations up to Dec. 9.

Flanders and France:

Killed	Officers	Other ranks
14,667	2,435	12,232
Wounded	3,943	21,259
Missing	1,549	22,685
Total officers and men	214,583	1,113,156

Killed	Officers	Other ranks
871	15,548	15,548
Wounded	828	22,151
Missing	190	2,818
Total officers and men	214,583	1,113,156

U. S. IS INQUIRING INTO SINKING OF YASAKA MARU

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean reported torpedoed without warning, will be made the subject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and forward them without delay to the state department.

The state department's inquiry in the case is based solely on reports that the ship had an American passenger aboard.

Should reports that the vessel was torpedoed without warning, and that the submarine was an Austrian be verified officially it is said further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will undoubtedly ensue.

TURKS SAY BRITISH LEFT WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI

London, Eng., Dec. 24.—An official communication from the Turkish war office at Constantinople says the British, in evacuating Anafarta and Ari Burnut at Gallipoli left their sick and wounded behind in their head-over-heels evacuation. The Turkish communication also says the Turks found and seized two heavy cannons, one field cannon, and great quantities of ammunition, a supply of rifles and machine guns, a large number of mules, cars of victuals and telephone tools.

The London war office denies that any sick or wounded were left behind in the British withdrawal.

ENGLAND IS DEVOTING CHRISTMAS TO SOLDIERS

London, Eng., Dec. 24.—The celebration of England's second Christmas of the war is being devoted mainly to the soldiers. Several thousand of them have come from the front, on leave. These men, with the large forces in the home camps and the thousands in hospitals are being entertained at dinner, concerts and theaters. In every town of the United Kingdom there is some celebration for soldiers and sailors.

More than 1,500,000 packages have been sent to soldiers on the continent.

SWEDEN SEIZES BRITISH MAIL AS RETALIATORY ACT

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 24.—Advice from Stockholm report that in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold up parcel post packages passing through Sweden to or from England in retaliation for the removal of British authorities from the islands of packages for Sweden, 19,000 parcels from England for Russia are now being held at Gothenburg. At Haparanda, it is said, 3500 packages are being detained.

The War At a Glance

A VIENNA dispatch declares that in all quarters in the capital of the dual monarchy the conviction prevails that the differences with the United States over the Ancona incident are susceptible of an amicable adjustment.

The Amsterdam Telegraph declares that prominent members of the socialist group from all the warring nations except Italy met at The Hague two days ago to consider the question of peace.

British war casualties totaled 224,227 up to December 9.

Henry Ford has left his peace ship and started for America, a Christiania dispatch says.

FORD SLIPS AWAY AND SAILS HOME

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian liner Bergenstorf, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the International Peace association.

Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

The Ford party is on its way to Stockholm, Norway has not contributed any delegates to the peace mission. The sentiment here is that Mr. Ford is a high minded man with the most realistic principles but with no knowledge of international law.

Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins Lloyd Jones of Chicago, John Barry of San Francisco, Lieut. Gov. Andrew J. Betsche of South Carolina, and Louis P. Lochner of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

Henry Ford's departure from Europe apparently marks the termination, in its original form, of the most novel of the peace movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war.

Before the peace ship Oscar II reached the other side there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached Christiania, he kept in the background. Although full details have been received, it would appear that he made his departure secretly, and that most of the delegates at the time they left Christiania for Stockholm, were ignorant of the fact that he was not to go on with them. One Christiania dispatch said Mr. Ford had boarded a train from Christiania for Bergen about the same time his former associates were leaving for Stockholm. It was said Mr. Ford's sudden departure was due to the fact that his physician had ordered him to rest.

FORD LEAVES \$270,000 TO FINANCE EXPEDITION

London, Eng., Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"Before leaving, Mr. Ford gave a check for \$270,000 kroner (about \$270,000) to finance the expedition. He left because he recognized that it was impossible to make headway. His party was always at loggerheads and Scandinavian pacifists adopted an attitude of reserve. When Mr. Ford found all of the doors closed he broke down."

RUSSIANS REPORT FIGHTING IN CAUCASUS AND PERSIA

Petrograd, Russia, Dec. 24.—The Russian war office has issued the following official statement:

"In the Caucasus, throughout Tuesday night the Turks cannonaded our positions in the region of Agha village. In the region of the north shore of Lake Van, our scouts exchanged shots with those of the enemy. In Persia, on Sunday night, we dislodged the insurgents from the region of the village of Arharik, northwest of Hamadan. South of Hamadan we occupied Anasabad pass. On December 20 our detachment, before entering Kurn, took by assault the village Sava, putting the rebels to flight and also about 600 gendarmes mounted and afoot."

RUPTURE WILL BE AVOIDED, BELIEF

Foreign Minister Sends Re-assuring Wireless to Washington Ambassador.

VIENNA SENTIMENT IS OPTIMISTIC

Amicable Solution Of Ancona Case Expected To Be Reached in Next Note.

ONION, ENG., Dec. 24.—A message from Baron Burián, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to Baron Zveidinek, Austro-Hungarian charge d'affaires at Washington, is circulated in London today, having been received by wireless. It is dated Vienna and was picked up in England on its transit by wireless telegraph to the United States. The communication reads:

"The American note was handed over to me on the 21st.

"Tell the secretary the answer was prepared and will be guided by the same concern for good in both countries as mentioned by the federal government. In consequence of the Christmas holidays our answer cannot be expected before next week."

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States which arose from the Ancona incident are susceptible to amicable settlement.

The Austro-Hungarian answer to the latest American note may be expected in a few days.

The second note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment.

The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the Austrian government, as well as the German, is willing to do its utmost to maintain good relations with the United States, providing no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of the nation are imposed.

At the American embassy the impression prevails that it is still possible to reach a solution of the Ancona question.

SOCIALISTS OF EUROPE DISCUSS PEACE, REPORT.

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 24.—A number of prominent Socialists from all the belligerent countries except Italy met Wednesday at The Hague to discuss sleep which might be taken to bring about speedy peace, according to the Telegraph today.

Children To Sing For Plaza Festival

The children of Vilas school who are to sing "A Christmas Carol" at the Christmas tree festival in Pioneer Plaza this evening are requested to be in the lobby of the Herald building at 7:45 o'clock, where they will be met by their leader, Miss Lauraand Fink. The parents of the children are asked to assist them in being on hand in time.

No, You Cannot "Buy the Holy Ghost for Money," Even At Christmas Time